

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for replacing a language of a user interface of a computer system, comprising:

starting an application on ~~[[said]]~~ the computer system, the application having a user interface drawn in a first language;

~~choosing~~ receiving a selection of a desired second language from among a plurality of ~~written~~ languages;

in response to the receiving, identifying, searching an external language file associated with the ~~desired second language, the external language file including a plurality of language strings; and~~

~~locating a language string within the external language file; and~~

redrawing the user interface in the second language based at least in part on said language string by replacing the first language with one or more of the language strings of the external language file without closing the application.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein redrawing the user interface further comprises redrawing said user interface ~~in an original~~ by replacing portions of the first language with the desired at least one language string.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising modifying the language ~~string~~ strings to comply with the ~~desired second~~ language in response to an absence of a language string associated with the ~~desired second~~ language.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising modifying the external language file to comply with the desired second language in response to an absence of an external language file associated with the desired second language.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~language string comprises a plurality~~ of language strings comprise words.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the external language file comprises a plurality of external language files.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the application is operated on an operating system.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the operating system comprises a plurality of operating systems.
10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a computer system, said computer system being adapted to;
 - start an application on ~~[[said]]~~ the computer system, the application having a user interface drawn in a first language;
 - ~~choose~~ receive a selection of a desired second language from among a plurality of written languages;
 - In response to the receiving, identify search an external language file associated with the desired second language, the external language file including a plurality of language strings; and
 - ~~locate a language string within the external language file; and~~

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redraw the user interface in the second language based at least in part on said language string by replacing the first language with one or more of the language strings of the external language file without closing the application.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said computer system is further adapted to redraw the user interface ~~in an original~~ by replacing portions of the first language with the desired at least one language string.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said computer system is further adapted to modify the language string to comply with the ~~desired~~ second language in response to an absence of a language string associated with the ~~desired~~ second language.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said computer system is further adapted to modify the external language file to comply with the ~~desired~~ second language in response to an absence of an external language file associated with the ~~desired~~ second language.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the language string comprises a plurality of language strings.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the external language file comprises a plurality of external language files.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the application is operated on an operating system.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the operating system comprises a plurality of operating systems.

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18. (New) A method, comprising:

selecting a second language for a running application displaying a user interface drawn in a first language;

in response to the selecting, accessing an external language file including language strings associated with the second language; and

replacing the first language with language strings of the second language without closing the application.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the plurality of language strings comprise words.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the external language file comprises a plurality of external language files.

21. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the application comprises an operating system.